

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 15, wherein: said structural shape has ~~a channel with~~ a narrow slot, and in that each of said saw-tooth components has appendages which can be received in said channel by sliding and fixed therein.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 2, characterized in that each of said saw-tooth components has a base with a longitudinal appendage extending along ~~the~~ a whole length of the base for coupling to the structural shape.

5. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim ~~1~~ 15, characterized in that said structural shape is formed with a strip or transverse partition - forming ~~the~~ a base of said channel - which is sufficiently thick for ~~the~~ engagement of screws for fixing said saw-tooth components.

6. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim ~~1~~ 15, characterized in that said structural shape is shaped to receive nuts which can slide in the structural shape, said nuts being

~~but are~~ fixed to it the structural shape with respect to rotation, enabling said saw-tooth components to be fixed by means of screws.

7 - 8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 2, characterized in that said structural shape is formed with a strip or transverse partition - forming ~~the~~ a base of said channel - which is sufficiently thick for ~~the~~ engagement of screws for fixing said saw-tooth components.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 4, characterized in that said structural shape is formed with a strip or transverse partition - forming ~~the~~ a base of said channel - which is sufficiently thick for ~~the~~ engagement of screws for fixing said saw-tooth components.

12. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 2, characterized in that said structural shape is shaped to receive nuts which can slide in the structural shape, said nuts being ~~but are~~ fixed to it the structural shape with respect to rotation, enabling said saw-tooth components to be fixed by means of screws.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) Structure according to claim 4, characterized in that said structural shape is shaped to receive nuts which can slide in the structural shape, said nuts being ~~but are~~ fixed to it the structural shape with respect to rotation, enabling said saw-tooth components to be fixed by means of screws.

15. (New) Umbrella structure with ribs having a saw-tooth profile on the trailing edges of which are fixed strip portions of the cover, characterized in that each of said ribs include a structural shape and a plurality of saw-tooth components engaged with said structural shape and capable of fixing the strip portions of the cover to each said rib;

5           each said structural shape has a channel with a slot;

          each saw-tooth component has an insertion base whose profile is such that it can enter and slide in said channel and can be fixed there, and an extension at an angle to the insertion base, to form the surface for fixing the cover strips.

16. (New) An umbrella comprising:

          a plurality of ribs, each of said ribs including a structural component and a plurality of sawtooth components fixedly connected to each said structural component,

          each said structural component defining a longitudinal channel inside a  
5           respective said structural component, said each structural component also defining a

longitudinal slot in communication with said channel and in communication with an outside of said respective structural component,

each said plurality of sawtooth components including an appendage, said appendage, said slot and said channel being shaped to have said appendage slide through said slot and said channel, said each sawtooth component being fixed in a respective said channel of a respective structural component, said sawtooth components of each said rib being longitudinally apart along said channel;

a plurality of cover strips, each of said cover strips being mounted on one of said plurality of sawtooth components of each of said plurality of ribs.

17. (New) An umbrella according to claim 16, wherein:

each said saw-tooth component includes an insertion base with a profile that can enter and slide in said channel and can be fixed there, said each sawtooth component also including an extension at an angle to said insertion base, to form a surface for fixing said cover strips.

18. (New) An umbrella according to claim 16, wherein:

said structural component is formed with one of a strip or transverse partition forming a base of said channel, said one strip or transverse partition having a thickness for engagement of screws for fixing said saw-tooth components.

19. (New) An umbrella according to claim 16, wherein:

said structural component is shaped to receive nuts which can slide in said channel and are fixed in said channel with respect to rotation, said nuts enabling said saw-tooth components to be fixed by screws.